

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the claims of the present application are respectfully requested.

Applicants acknowledge, with thanks, the Examiner's remarks indicating that the subject matter of Claims 2, 5-8 and 18-23 would be allowable. Specifically, the Examiner has indicated that the previous submitted 132 Declaration established an unexpected benefit for a polyether siloxane surfactant as an emulsifier in an oil-in-water emulsion wherein the emulsion included at least one of a liquid-crystalline-structure forming hydroxyphilic wax or a water soluble organopolymer. Applicants further observe that Claims 1, 3-4, 9, 12, 13 15-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103 as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,488,780 to Cauwet-Martin.

In view of the above remarks and to advance prosecution of the present application, applicants have amended Claims 1, 12 and 17 to include, as an additional component, *at least one stabilizer selected from the group consisting of a liquid-crystalline-structure forming hydrophilic wax, a water-swellaable organopolymer, and a mixture of a liquid-crystalline-structure forming hydrophilic wax and a water swellaable organopolymer*. Support for this added component is found throughout the instant application. See, for example, Page 5, lines 22-23 as well as Claims 2, 15, and 18.

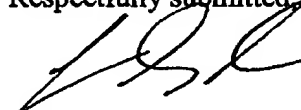
With the inclusion of the aforementioned at least one stabilizer into Claims 1, 12 and 17, applicants have amended Claims 2 and 18 to remove that component from those claims. Applicants have also cancelled Claim 15.

Since Claim 15 has been cancelled, applicants have amended Claim 16 by changing the dependency of the claim from Claim 15 to Claim 12.

Applicants observe that the above amendments to the claims do not introduce any new matter into the application and thus entry thereof is respectfully requested. Moreover, since each of the independent claims, i.e., Claims 1, 12 and 17, now includes subject matter deemed allowable by the Examiner, applicants respectfully submit that the present application, including all of the remaining claims in the form indicated above, are allowable over the art of record in this case, particularly the Cauwet-Martin reference.

Thus, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is firmly believed that the present case is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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